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# PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD.

**A Prayer appointed by the House of Bishops.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who, by the Holy Spirit, didst preside in the Councils, of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church to the end of the world, we beseech Thee to be present with the Synod of this *Diocese* (or *Province*) *here*, (or *now about to be*) assembled in Thy name. Save *us* (or *them*) from all ignorance, error, pride, and prejudice; and of Thy great mercy, vouchsafe, so to direct, govern, and sanctify *us* (or *them*) in *our* (or *their*) important work, by Thy Holy Spirit, that through Thy blessing on *our* (or *their*) deliberations, the Gospel of Christ, may be faithfully preached and obeyed, and the order and discipline of Thy Church maintained amongst us, to the overthrow of Satan's power, and the final establishment of Thy heavenly kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.—AMEN.

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## SPECIAL SESSION.

### CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES.

| Clergy. | Parish, Mission or Congregation. | Lay Delegates. |
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| Rev. Thos Adams, D.C.L. | Principal Bishop's College. | ..... |
| " W. C. Adcock. † | Fitch Bay..... | Palmer Sheldon † |
| " " | Georgeville..... | Wm. Melrose. |
| " F. J. B. Allnatt, D.D. | Prof. Divinity, B. C., Len., L.M..... | ..... |
| " A. J. Balfour, M.A. | St. Peter's, Quebec ..... | E. T. D. Chambers. |
| " " | Montmorenci ..... | H. M. Price. |
| " Josiah Ball. | St. Luke's, Magdalen Isl. | A. P. Wheeler. |
| " " | Holy Trinity, do . | W. H. A. Eckhardt. |
| " T. L. Ball, M.A. † | Nicolet..... | Chas. McCaffray. † |
| " " | Louiseville..... | T. H. Dunn. † |
| " Thos. Blaylock, M.A. | Danville ..... | Chas. Thurber. |
| " " | Troutbrook ..... | John Wilson. |
| " " | Lorne..... | Geo. McKeage. |
| " T. Boyle, M.A. | Hemison ..... | Hy. L. Hodgson. |
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| " " | Standon ..... | Jas. Patton, jnr. |
| " " | Cranbourne ..... | Geo. Sample. |
| " Hy. Burrage, M.A. † | Retired..... | ..... |
| " Thos. Chapman, M.A. | Retired..... | ..... |
| " R. W. Colston M.A. | St. Paul's, Dudswell..... | Ed. Bennett. |
| " " | Ch. Good Shepherd, do | Hy. Coleman. |
| " J. C. Cox. | Windsor Mills..... | J. A. McHardy. |
| " " | Brompton ..... | M. B. Irvine. |
| " " | Hardwood Hill..... | Gardiner Stevens. † |
| " J. B. Debbage, B.D. | Bourg Louis..... | Thos. Sissons. |
| " H. A. Dickson. | Randboro..... | C. Judge. |
| " " | Island Brook ..... | Jas. Lyster. |
| " W. G. Faulconer. | Upper Ireland..... | W. G. Stewart. |
| " " | Lower Ireland..... | Wm. Johnson. |
| " " | Adderley ..... | Thos. Walsh. |
| " " | Black Lake ..... | A. M. Evans. |
| " " | Thetford Mines..... | Wm. Ward. |
| " Canon Foster, M.A. | St. Stephen's, Coaticook.. | J. B. Thompson. |
| " " | Christ Church, do .. | Dr. Montizambert. |
| " W. T. Forsythe. | Stanstead..... | H. E. Channell. |
| " " | Beebe Plain..... | J. L. Terrill. |
| " R. J. Fothergill. | Curate Sherbrooke..... | ..... |
| " H. S. Fuller. | St. Paul's, Bury..... | L. McIver. † |
| " " | St. John's, Bury..... | John Martin. † |
| " " | Lingwick ..... | Geo. Layfield. |

† Absent during Session.

| Clergy. | Parish, Mission or Congregation. | Lay Delegates. |
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| Rev. T. W. Fyles, M.A. | S.P.C.K. Immigrant Chap | ..... |
| " G. T. Harding, | Sandy Beach | H. J. Pratten. |
| " " | Peninsula | John A. Ready. |
| " " | Little Gaspé | E. Pope. |
| " Jas. Hepburn, M.A. | St. Ann's, Richmond | Arthur Wilcox. |
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| " " | South Durham | Jas. Dowd. |
| " " | L'Avenir | John McDougall. |
| " E. B. Husband, | New Carlisle | Rich. Turner. |
| " " | Paspebiac | John Hamilton. |
| " J. Kemp, B.D. | Retired | ..... |
| " L. V. Lariviere. | Miss. Col. & Cont. Ch. Soc. | ..... |
| " W. G. Lyster, B.A. | Cape Cove | E. A. Jones. |
| " " | Percé | Robt. Hamilton. |
| " G. H. Murray, B.A. | Dixville | Geo. Gill. |
| " " | Stanhope | J. W. Hughes. † |
| " " | Barford, St. Lawrence | F. A. Ward. |
| " " | Perryboro | Jas. Nish. |
| Very Rev. Dean Norman, D.D. | Cathedral, Quebec | R. H. Smith. |
| | | Jas. Dunbar. |
| Rev. W. T. Noble. | Trinity Church, Quebec | W. G. Wurtele. |
| " G. H. Parker. | | W. C. Gibsone. |
| " H. J. Petry, M.A. | Compton | J. A. Cochrane. |
| " J. P. Richmond. | Assistant, Cathedral | ..... |
| " " | St. Paul's, Gaspé Basin | H. T. Machin. |
| " Canon Richardson. | St. James' do | J. R. H. White. |
| " S. Riopel, M.A., M.D. | St. Paul's, Quebec | Geo. Robinson. |
| " " | Valcartier | W. H. Carter. |
| Ven. Archdeacon Roe, D.D. | Stoneham | Wm. Charlwood † |
| Rev. P. Roe. | Gen. Miss. Agt. Dio. Board | ..... |
| " " | St. Stephens, Inverness | Jas King, M.P.P. |
| " A. H. Robertson. | Campbell's Corners | W. J. Smith. |
| " " | Cookshire | J. H. Cook. |
| " " | Sandhill | Wm. Ashe. |
| " Jos. Rothera. | Johnville | Alex. Winter. |
| " " | Leeds | Geo. Bayne. |
| " Thos. Rudd, B.A. † | Kinnear's Mills | David Addley. |
| " " | St. John's, Melbourne | Major Mathias. |
| " " | Rockland Quarry | Dr. Howe. |
| " A. C. Scarth, M.A. | Melbourne Ridge | T. M. Greenwood. |
| " " | Lennoxville | Col. Kippen. |
| " F. G. Scott, M.A. | Milby | A. D. Nicolls. |
| " A. Stevens, M.A. | Drummondville | E. J. Hemming, D.C.L. |
| " H. C. Stuart, M.A. | St. James', Hatley | J. P. Bowen. |
| " G. A. Sutherland. † | Three Rivers | C. K. Ogden. |
| " J. S. Sykes. | Labrador | ..... |
| " " | St. Paul's, Kingsey | J. A. Wadleigh. |
| " " | Denison's Mills | J. R. Denison. |
| " R. C. Tambs, M.A. | Spooner Pond | John Hall. † |
| " J. M. Thompson. † | Magog | Alf. Wright. † |
| " " | Waterville | Ed. Spriggens. † |
| " " | Capelton | C. N. Martin. |
| | North Hatley | H. W. Armstrong. |

† Absent during Session.

| Clergy. | Parish, Mission or Congregation. | Lay Delegates. |
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| Rev. Canon Thorneloe, M.A. | St. Peter's, Sherbrooke. | R. W. Heneker, D.C.L. |
| " " | Ch. of the Advent, do | H. A. Elkins. |
| " Canon Von Iffland, M.A. | St. Michael's, Quebec | Col. J. B. Forsyth. |
| " R. G. Walters. † | St. Peter's, Malbaie | G. R. White. |
| " " | Corner of Beach, do. | R. P. Campbell. |
| " C. B. Washer. | Portneuf | Geo. Lampson. |
| " " | Halesboro | H.G. Jolyde Lotbinière |
| " B. Watkins, M.A. | Prof. Classics, Bish-p's C. | ..... |
| " Edwin Weary. | Rivière du Loup | G. E. A. Jones. |
| " " | Inter. R.R. Station | R. A. Davy. † |
| " L. W. Williams, M.A. | St. Matthew's, Quebec | Geo. Irvine. |
| " T. A. Williams. | Curate, St. Matthew's, do | ..... |
| " H. E. Wright, B.A. | East Angus | F. A. Bottom. |
| " " | Ascot Corner | Wm. Morris. |
| " " | Westbury | Wm. Tugman, jnr. |
| " L. C. Wurtele, M.A. | Actonvale | O. C. Brown. † |
| " " | Danby | G. F. Wurtele. |
| Vacant. | Barnston | Aaron Putney † |
| " | Way's Mills | W. B. Scott. |
| ..... | Shigawake | ..... |
| ..... | Port Daniel | J. C. Price. |
| ..... | Anse aux Gascons | John Laird, jnr. |
| ..... | New Liverpool | Hy. Atkinson. |
| ..... | St. Sylvester | W. H. M. King. |
| ..... | St. Giles | David Lefebvre. |
| ..... | St. George | D. G. Pozer. |
| ..... | Levis | J. H. Simmons. |
| ..... | Cumberland Mills | Ed. Taylor. |
| ..... | Lake Beauport | T. A. Young. |

† Absent during Session.

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## SPECIAL SESSION—1892.

### FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Venerable Archdeacon of Quebec, the Rev. Henry Roe, D.D., having, by virtue of Article 9 of the Constitution, summoned the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec to meet in the City of Quebec, on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, for the purpose of electing a successor to the See, vacant by the death of the Right Reverend James William Williams, D.D., Divine Service was held on that day, in the Cathedral Church, at 10 A.M.

The Rev. G. H. Parker and the Rev. H. C. Stuart said morning prayer; the Rev. Principal Adams read the first lesson and the Rev. W. G. Lyster read the second lesson.

The Rev. Canon Thorneloe was the preacher. The Very Reverend the Dean was the celebrant; the Rev. H. J. Petry read the exhortation, and the Archdeacon and the Rev. Canons Richardson and Von Iffland assisted in the administration. The Epistle was read by the Rev. Jas. Hepburn and the Gospel by the Ven. Archdeacon Roe.

At the close of the service, it being half-past twelve, the members of the Synod assembled in the Cathedral Church Hall, and the Ven. Archdeacon Roe took the Chair and called the meeting to order.

After prayers, said by the Archdeacon, the Clerical Secretary called the roll of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Synod, and the following, being present, answered to their names: Adams; Allnatt; Balfour; Ball, Josiah; Blaylock; Chapman; Colston; Cox; Debbage; Dickson; Faulconer; Forsythe; Fothergill; Fuller; Harding; Hepburn; Horner; Husband; Larivière; Lyster; Norman; Noble; Parker; Petry; Rich-

mond ; Richardson ; Riopel ; Roe, Hy. ; Roe, P. ; Robertson ; Rothera ; Scott ; Stevens ; Stuart ; Sykes ; Tambs ; Thorneloe ; Von Iffland ; Washer ; Weary ; Williams, L. W. ; Williams, T. A. ; Wright ; Wurtele ; Kemp.

The Chairman then requested the Lay Delegates elected since the Session of 1890 to place their certificates on the table and named Mr. Joly de Lotbinière and Mr. A. Wilcox to assist the Secretaries in examining them.

The Synod then adjourned to meet again at 2.30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod reassembled at 2.30 P.M.

Mr. H. G. Joly de Lotbinière submitted the following Report of the Committee appointed to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates elected since last meeting of the Synod.

The Select Committee has examined forty-one certificates and reports the thirty-eight following as conforming to the rules of the Synod :

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| H. T. Machin | St. Paul's, Gaspé Basin. |
| H. M. Price | Montmorency. |
| W. M. H. King | St. Sylvester. |
| Doctor Howe | Rockland Quarry. |
| James Lyster | Island Brook. |
| W. Melrose | Georgeville. |
| Wm. Tugman, jr | Westbury. |
| W. J. Smith | Inverness. |
| Alexander Winter | Eaton, Johnville. |
| R. A. Davy | Rivière du Loup, R. R. Station. |
| Philip Lyster | Upper Durham. |
| Wm. Morris | Ascot Corner. |
| Wm. Charlwood | Stoneham. |
| J. L. Terrill | Beebe Plain. |
| John Ready | Peninsula. |
| F. A. Bottom | East Angus. |
| John Laird, jr | Anse aux Gascons. |
| J. C. Price | Port Daniel. |
| T. M. Greenwood | Melbourne Ridge. |
| Henry Coleman | Dudswell, Good Shepherd. |
| James Dowd | South Durham. |
| J. H. Cook | Cookshire. |
| L. McIver | St. Paul's, Eury. |

T. A. Young.....Lake Beauport.
Wm. Ward.....Thetford Mines.
E. F. Wurtele.....Danby.
W. H. A. Eckhardt.....Holy Trinity, Magdalen Islands.
A. P. Wheeler.....St. Luke's do
H. A. Elkins.....Church of Advent, Sherbrooke.
A. D. Nicolls.....Milby.
A. M. Evans.....Black Lake.
Edwin Pope.....Sandy Beach.
Dr. F. Montizambert.....Christ's Church, Coaticook
J. W. Hughes.....Stanhope.
Jas. Nish.....Perryboro.
David Lefèbre.....St. Giles.
A. F. Ward.....Barford.

As for the three certificates of Messrs. Thos. McCaffray (Nicolet); T. H. Dunn (Louiseville), and G. Layfield (Lingwick), the committee cannot report them as regular and leaves them to be dealt with by the Synod.

The whole respectivelly submitted.

(Signed) H. G. JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE,
Chairman of Select Committee.

Moved by Mr. Joly de Lotbinière,

Seconded by Arthur Wilcox, and

*Resolved*,—That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to examine, with the Secretaries, the certificates of the Lay Delegates appointed since last meeting of the Synod, and report thereon, be adopted, and that the names of the thirty-eight Delegates reported as holders of regular certificates be entered on the list of Delegates entitled to vote at the present meeting of the Synod.

Moved by Mr. Irvine,

Seconded by Mr. Joly de Lotbinière, and

*Resolved*,—That the certificates of the election of Lay Delegates for the parishes of Nicolet and Louiseville be accepted as substantially correct.

Moved by Hon. Geo. Irvine,

Seconded by Capt. Carter, and

*Resolved*,—That, as it appears to the Synod that Mr. Layfield never resigned as delegate for the Mission of Bury, Lingwick, he be continued on the roll as delegate for that place.

Moved by Mr. Irvine,

Seconded by R. W. Heneker, and

*Resolved*,—That attention having been called to the fact that the Congregations of Thetford Mines and Rivière du Loup Station are not on the list furnished by the late Bishop to the last meeting of the Synod, this Synod is of opinion that, as they are regularly organized congregations formed since the last meeting of the Synod, the delegates representing these congregations be admitted to the right of voting at this meeting.

The Hon. Treasurer then reported that the following congregations had not paid their Synod Assessment: Barnston; St. Stephen's, Coaticook; Hardwood Hill; Nicolet, and Stoneham.

The Lay Secretary then called the roll of Lay Delegates, and the following answered to their names:

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|---|---|---|
| Addley, | Johnson, | Pratten, |
| Armstrong, | Joly de Lotbinière, | Ready, |
| Ashe, | Jones, E. A., | Robinson, |
| Atkinson, | Jones, G. E. A., | Ross, |
| Bayne, | Judge, | Sample, |
| Bennett, | King, W. H. M., | Scott, |
| Bottom, | King, Jas., | Sheldon, |
| Bowen, | Kippen, | Sissons, |
| Campbell, | Laird, | Simmons, |
| Carter, | Lampson, | Smith, R. H., |
| Chambers, | Layfield, | Smith, W. J., |
| Channel, | Lefebvre, | Smith, John, |
| Coleman, | Lyster, Jas., | Stewart, |
| Cook, | Lyster, Philip, | Taylor, |
| Denison, | Machin, | Thurber, |
| Dowd, | Martin, | Tugman, |
| Dunbar, | Mathias, | Turner, |
| Eckhardt, | Melrose, | Terrill, |
| Elkins, | McDougall, | Ward, Wm., |
| Evans, | McKeage, | Wadleigh, |
| Forsyth, | McHardy, | White, J. R. H., |
| Gibsone, | Montizambert, | White, G. R., |
| Greenwood, | Morris, | Wheeler, |
| Hamilton, R., | Nicolls, | Wurtele, W. G., |
| Hamilton, J., | Ogden, | Wurtele, E. F., |
| Heneker, | Patton, | Walsh, |
| Hodgson, | Pope, E., | Wilson, |
| Howe, | Pozer, | Wilcox, |
| Irvine, M. B., | Price, H. M. | Young, |
| Irvine, Geo., | Price, J. C. | Winter. |

Moved by the Dean of Quebec,

Seconded by Dr. Heneker, and

*Resolved*,—That the Ven. Archdeacon Roe be the permanent President of this Synod.

Moved by J. Hamilton,

Seconded by W. H. Carter, and

*Resolved*,—That the Rev. Canon Von Iffland, and Mr. George Lampson be reelected respectively to the position of Clerical and Lay Secretaries, and that Mr. Geo. R. White be reelected Treasurer of Synod.

Moved by the Dean of Quebec,

Seconded by W. G. Wurtele, and

*Resolved*,—That the members, Clerical and Lay, of this Special Synod of the Diocese of Quebec, assembled to elect, under the guidance of Almighty God, a successor to their late beloved Bishop, on this the 29th anniversary of his consecration, desire most earnestly to express their sense of the grievous calamity which has befallen the church and all its varied organizations through his decease.

His influence and example have imprinted a permanent mark upon the Diocese. His wise administration, his dignified and impartial conduct of Synodical and other gatherings, his sympathetic counsels, his fatherly intercourse with his Clergy and Laity, can never be effaced from their minds, while memory lasts, but will ever be gratefully remembered. The presence among them, for so many years, of a guide, a counsellor and a friend, such as the late Bishop proved to be, can be only looked upon as a gift of God, meriting and receiving the most heartfelt gratitude.

The self-sacrificing conscientiousness with which he devoted himself to the call of duties often in themselves taxing to the most vigorous constitution, the cheerful self abnegation, with which he endured hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, the affectionate interest which he manifested towards his Clergy, and the way in which he lightened their labours, and relieved their anxieties by his cordial cooperation and sympathy will never be forgotten. The appreciation of all these many excellencies becomes more and more vivid, and intensifies their sense of the loss which each and all have sustained. It is with a deep sense of solemn responsibility that they approach the task which lies before them. They supplicate the blessing and direction of Almighty God, that in the suffrages which they give, no desire for the victory of a party may enter into their thoughts, but that they may bear in mind the one great object, the glory of God and the good of His Church, which should be the moving impulse in the heart of every one. And they pray that he, on whom their choice may ultimately fall, with all humility of soul, take up the torch of truth which has fallen from the hands of him, who now rests from his earthly toils, and while he determines to spend and be spent in the greatest of all causes, may devoutly strive that the sacred interests of the Lord's own work may never suffer through his neglect, or imprudence, or incompetency.

The Synod desire also to give expression to their most sincere and respectful sympathy with the widow and only son of their lamented Diocesan, and to hope that, next to God's grace and their strong assurance that he is in peace, the universal grief which his death has evoked from all classes may be a real consolation to them, until the dawn of that blest day, when all sorrows and partings shall cease for evermore.

That a copy of the above be transmitted to Mrs. Williams and the Rev. Lennox Williams.

Moved by the Dean of Quebec,

Seconded by Geo. R. White, and

*Resolved*,—That the Resolution adopted by the Clergy on the 23rd of April last, with reference to the late revered and beloved Bishop, on the occasion of their being assembled to pay his memory the last tribute of sorrowful respect and reverence, be recorded on the minutes of this Synod as a permanent document of historic interest.

The following telegram from the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara was read :

JUNE 21st, 1892.

From Hamilton, Ontario,

To the Secretary of Synod of the Church of England,

Quebec.

"The Synod of the Diocese of Niagara, now assembled, desires to express sympathy with the Diocese of Quebec, on the death of their late Bishop, whose loss the whole Canadian Church mourns. This Synod sends loving greetings to the Synod of Quebec, and prays that peace and prosperity may continue theirs, and that the Holy Spirit may direct them in making choice of a fit person to serve in the episcopate in their diocese."

W. R. CLARK, M.A.,
J. J. MASON,

Hon. Sec.

At the request of the Synod, the President undertook to send a message in reply.

Moved by the Dean of Quebec,

Seconded by the Rev. A. C. Scarth, and

*Resolved*,—That the Clergy present accept most gratefully the kind and thoughtful gift of Mrs. Williams, in the shape of the last volume of Sermons preached by their late beloved Diocesan, which they will ever value as a memorial of him, and of the many kindnesses received at her hands.

Moved by Rev. A. C. Scarth,

Seconded by the Hon. Geo. Irvine, and

*Resolved*,—That the Synod do adjourn at six o'clock, to meet again at eight o'clock, for an evening session.

Moved by the Hon. Geo. Irvine,

Seconded by Very Rev. Dean Norman, and

*Resolved*,—That the Synod do now proceed to the election of a Bishop of this Diocese, the said election to be by Ballot and without debate.

Moved by the Dean of Quebec,

Seconded by Mr. G. White, and

*Resolved*,—That the Scrutineers for the votes of the Delegates, for the election of a Bishop, be named by the President.

The President named the Rev. Dr. Adams, Rural Dean Lyster and Colonel Joseph Bell Forsyth, scrutineers to examine and report upon the votes of the Clergy ; and Dr. Heneker, Captain Carter and the Rev. James Hepburn, to examine and report upon the votes of the Lay Delegates.

The members of the Synod then knelt down and prayed silently for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for a short time, after which the President said several collects from the Book of Common Prayer suitable to the occasion.

The Scrutineers of the votes of the Clergy then took their places at a table in the body of the Hall and the Clerical Secretary called the names of the Clergy who came forward in turn and deposited their ballots in the box.

When the Scrutineers of the votes of the Clergy had retired the Scrutineers of the votes of the Lay Delegates took their places at the table and the Lay Secretary called the names of the Lay Delegates who came forward in turn and deposited their ballots in another box provided for their use.

## FIRST BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the first Ballot :

*Votes of the Clergy.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of Clergy present | 49 |
| Necessary to a choice | 33 |
| For The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Niagara | 31 |
| " Ven. Archdeacon Roe | 5 |
| " Rev. Canon Thorneloe | 5 |
| " Rev. Dr. Adams | 3 |
| " Lord Bishop of Algoma | 3 |
| " Rev A. H. Dunn | 1 |
| " Very Rev. Dean Norman | 1 |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

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|---|---|
| Number of Delegates present | 88 |
| Necessary to a choice | 59 |
| For Lord Bishop of Niagara | 33 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 16 |
| " Lord Bishop of Algoma | 14 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 13 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 4 |
| " Dean of Quebec | 2 |
| " Canon Dumoulin | 2 |
| " Bishop of Nova Scotia | 1 |
| " Dean Carmichael | 1 |
| " Rev. L. N. Tucker | 1 |
| " Canon Von Iffland | 1 |

A telegram from the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario, now in Session, was read, conveying the greetings of that Synod to the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec, and the expression of their prayer that God's Holy Spirit would guide this Synod to a satisfactory result in the important work which is now engaging it.

The Synod requested the President to convey a suitable reply to the Synod of Ontario.

Mr. E. J. Hemming appeared and took his seat.

The Synod adjourned at six o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod reassembled at 8 P.M., and proceeded to ballot again as before.

SECOND BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the Second Ballot:

*Votes of the Clergy.*

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|---|---|
| Number of Clergy present | 48 |
| Necessary to a choice | 32 |
| For The Bishop of Niagara | 34 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 5 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 4 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 2 |
| " Canon Von Iffland | 1 |
| " Dr. Adams | 1 |
| " Canon Dumoulin | 1 |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of Delegates present | 86 |
| Necessary to a choice | 57 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 37 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 14 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 14 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 13 |
| " Rev. A. H. Dunn | 8 |

The Synod proceeded to Ballot for the third time.

## THIRD BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the third Ballot :

*Votes of the Clergy.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number present | 48 |
| Necessary to a choice | 32 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 33 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 6 |
| " Dr. Adams | 3 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 2 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 2 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 2 |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number present | 85 |
| Necessary to a choice | 57 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 39 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 20 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 12 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 8 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 5 |
| " Canon Von Iffland | 1 |

The Synod then proceeded to Ballot for the fourth time.

## FOURTH BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the fourth Ballot :

*Votes of the Clergy.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number present | 49 |
| Necessary to a choice | 33 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 34 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 8 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 2 |
| " Dr. Adams | 2 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 2 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 1 |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number present | 88 |
| Necessary to a choice | 59 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 42 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 27 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 11 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 5 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 3 |

The following Clergy and Lay Delegates, not present when the rolls were called, appeared and took their seats: Rev. F. Boyle, Rev. Canon Foster, Rev. T. W. Fyles, Rev. G. Murray, Rev. A. C. Scarth; Messrs. Cochrane, Gilt, Nish, Thompson and Ward.

The Synod, at half-past ten, adjourned to 10 A.M., next day.

Confirmed 22nd June, 1892.
HENRY ROE, D.D.,
President.

A. A. VON IFFLAND, M.A.,
Clerical Secretary.

GEORGE LAMPSON, B.A.,
Lay Secretary.

## SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod assembled at 10 A.M.

After prayers the minutes of the previous day's meeting were read and confirmed.

The President stated that he had transmitted answers to the messages from the Synods of Niagara and Ontario, as follows:

Answer to Synod of Niagara:

"The Synod of Quebec acknowledges most gratefully the message of loving sympathy from the Synod of Niagara and values most highly the promise of their prayers for a happy issue to the election now in progress in Quebec."

Answer to Synod of Ontario:

"The Synod of Quebec warmly reciprocates the fraternal greetings of the Synod of Ontario and is especially grateful for its prayers for the Holy Spirit's guidance."

(Signed) HENRY ROE, DD.,
Archdeacon,
President of Synod of Quebec.

21st June, 1892.

The Synod then proceeded to ballot for the fifth time.

### FIFTH BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the fifth Ballot:

*Votes of the Clergy.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of Clergy present | 50 |
| Necessary to a choice | 34 |
| For the Bishop of Niagara | 34 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 9 |
| " the Bishop of Algoma | 3 |
| " Rev. A. H. Dunn | 3 |
| " Bishop of N. Dacotah | 1 |
| 2 | |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of Lay Delegates present | 88 |
| Necessary to a choice | 59 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 38 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 31 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 10 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 8 |
| " Canon Dumoulin | 1 |

The Synod then proceeded to ballot for the sixth time.

SIXTH BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the sixth Ballot :

*Votes of the Clergy.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number present | 50 |
| Necessary to a choice | 34 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 33 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 10 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 4 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 2 |
| " Rev. A. J. Balfour | 1 |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number present | 87 |
| Necessary to a choice | 58 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 38 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 31 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 9 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 7 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 1 |
| " Canon Dumoulin | 1 |

The Synod then proceeded to ballot for the seventh time.

## SEVENTH BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the seventh Ballot:

*Votes of the Clergy.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number present | 50 |
| Necessary to a choice | 34 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 32 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 10 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 3 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 2 |
| " Dr. Adams | 1 |
| " Dr. Allnatt | 1 |
| " Rev. A. H. Hunt | 1 |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number present | 88 |
| Necessary to a choice | 59 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 40 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 34 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 5 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 8 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 1 |

Moved by Rev. Dr. Adams,

Seconded by Rev. Prof. Scarth, and

*Resolved*,—That the Synod do adjourn at the close of the next Ballot, and stand adjourned to 2.30 P.M.

The Synod then proceeded to ballot for the eighth time.

As soon as the Ballots had been deposited in the boxes, the Synod adjourned.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod reassembled at half-past two P.M.

## EIGHTH BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the eighth Ballot :

*Votes of the Clergy.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number present | 49 |
| Necessary to a choice | 33 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 30 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 9 |
| " Rev. A. H. Dunn | 7 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 2 |
| " Dr. Allnatt | 1 |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballots cast | 88 |
| Necessary to a choice | 59 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 34 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 31 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 11 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 9 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 2 |
| " Dr. Allnatt | 1 |
| " Rev. L. N. Tucker | 1 |

The Synod then proceeded to ballot for the ninth time.

## NINTH BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the ninth Ballot :

*Votes of the Clergy*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballots cast | 48 |
| Necessary to a choice | 32 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 25 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 12 |
| " Rev. A. H. Dunn | 9 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 2 |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballots cast | 90 |
| Necessary to a choice | 60 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 36 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 27 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 13 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 10 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 3 |
| " Dr. Adams | 1 |

Moved by the Hon. Geo. Irvine,

Seconded by Mr. H. E. Channel, and

*Resolved*,—That this Synod do adjourn for half an hour to give an opportunity to members to have a conference on the present position of the election of Bishop.

The Synod reassembled at 4 P.M

The Clerical Secretary read the following telegram from the Synod of the Diocese of Huron, signed by the Bishop :

" The Synod of the Diocese of Huron, now in Session, send kind greetings and sympathy to their brethren in Quebec, and pray that their deliberations may tend to the glory of God, the greater speed of the Gospel and the profit of the Church at large."

Moved by the Dean of Quebec,

Seconded by the Rev. Dr. Adams, and

*Resolved*,—That the President be requested to answer the Message received from the Diocese of Huron.

The Synod then proceeded to ballot for the tenth time.

## TENTH BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the tenth Ballot :

*Votes of the Clergy.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballots cast | 50 |
| Necessary for election | 34 |
| For the Bishop of Niagara | 42 |
| " Rev. A. H. Dunn | 3 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 3 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 2 |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballots cast | 92 |
| Necessary to a choice | 62 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 49 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 22 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 13 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 8 |

The Synod then proceeded to ballot for the eleventh time.

## ELEVENTH BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the eleventh Ballot :

*Votes of the Clergy.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballots cast | 50 |
| Necessary to election | 34 |
| For the Bishop of Niagara | 36 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 9 |
| " Rev. A. H. Dunn | 3 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 1 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 1 |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballots cast | 91 |
| Necessary to a choice | 61 |
| For the Bishop of Niagara | 49 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 31 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 1 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 1 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 9 |

The Synod then proceeded to ballot for the twelfth time.

## TWELFTH BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the twelfth Ballot :

*Votes of the Clergy.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballots cast | 50 |
| Necessary to a choice | 34 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 29 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 10 |
| " Rev. A. H. Dunn | 9 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 2 |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballots cast | 90 |
| Necessary to a choice | 60 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 40 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 34 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 14 |
| " Archdeacon Roe | 2 |

Moved by the Dean of Quebec,
Seconded by the Hon. H. G. Joly de Lotbinière,
That this Synod do now adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Adams,
Seconded by Mr. A. D. Nicolls,
That another ballot be taken now ;

Which, being put to the meeting, was resolved in the negative.

The main motion was then adopted, and the Synod adjourned to meet again at 8 P.M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod reassembled at 8 P.M.

The Synod proceeded to ballot for the thirteenth time.

## THIRTEENTH BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the thirteenth Ballot :

*Votes of the Clergy.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballots cast | 49 |
| Necessary to a choice | 33 |
| For Rev. A. H. Dunn | 34 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 11 |
| " Bishop of Niagara | 3 |
| " Provost Body | 1 |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballots cast | 86 |
| Necessary to an election | 57 |
| For Bishop of Niagara | 26 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 45 |
| " Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 14 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 1 |

At the request of certain members of the Synod, the President agreed that the balloting be suspended for a quarter of an hour; which period having expired, the Synod proceeded to ballot for the fourteenth time.

FOURTEENTH BALLOT.

The Scrutineers reported the following as the result of the fourteenth Ballot:

*Votes of the Clergy.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballots cast | 49 |
| Necessary to a choice | 33 |
| For Rev. A. H. Dunn | 39 |
| " Rev. Canon Thorneloe | 10 |

*Votes of the Lay Delegates.*

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of ballots cast | 87 |
| Necessary to a choice | 58 |
| For Rev. A. Hunter Dunn | 61 |
| " Canon Thorneloe | 23 |
| " Bishop of Niagara | 2 |
| " Bishop of Algoma | 1 |

Moved by Dr. Heneker,

Seconded by the Dean of Quebec, and

*Resolved*,—That the election of the Reverend Andrew Hunter Dunn be unanimously concurred in.

This resolution was carried the whole Synod standing.

The President thereupon called upon the Synod to join in singing the Doxology, which was done, the Rev. James Hepburn, Rector of Richmond and Melbourne, leading.

The President then read to the Synod the following telegraphic message, which he proposed to send to the Rev. A. Hunter Dunn, informing him of his election :

Quebec, June 22nd, 1892.

To Rev. HUNTER DUNN,
All Saints, South Acton, London.

Unanimously elected Bishop of Quebec. Synod still in Session, awaits your acceptance, urgent.

ARCHDEACON OF QUEBEC,
President.

On motion, it was resolved that the Synod do adjourn to 10 A.M. of the next day ; whereupon the President called the Synod to prayer and thanksgiving, and dismissed the assembly with the blessing.

Confirmed 23rd June, 1892.

HENRY ROE, D.D.,
President.

A. A. VON IFFLAND, M.A.,
Clerical Secretary.

GEORGE LAMPSON, B.A.,
Lay Secretary.

## THIRD DAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

The Synod was called to order at 10 A.M.

After prayers, the minutes of the previous day's meeting were read and confirmed.

The President read the answer he had been requested to transmit to the Synod of Huron, as follows :

"The Synod of Quebec heartily reciprocates the loving message from the Synod of Huron. The Synod of Huron will rejoice to hear that an election for Bishop of Quebec has been happily made."

HENRY ROE,
President of Synod.

Moved by Canon Richardson,

Seconded by Rev. John P. Richmond, and

*Resolved*,—That the Clerical Secretary be allowed the sum of fifty dollars for his services.

Moved by Mr. John Hamilton,

Seconded by Mr. Geo. R. White, and

*Resolved*,—That the Executive Committe of Synod be requested to come to an agreement with the authorities of the Church Hall for the use of the Building for the sessions of Synod.

The Treasurer of the Synod submitted an interim report, and it was resolved that the Report be printed in the Journal of Synod.

Moved by the Dean of Quebec,

Seconded by Dr. Heneker, and

*Resolved*,—That the Synod do now adjourn, to meet at half-past two.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod reassembled at half-past two.

At three o'clock the following cable message, in answer to the despatch sent to the Rev. Andrew Hunter Dunn, announcing his election by this Synod, was received :

From London, June 23rd, 1892.

To Archdeacon,
Quebec.

Accept election ; awaiting particul

DUNN.

The message was received by the Synod with marks of great rejoicing, and it was resolved that when the Synod closes the members do proceed to the Cathedral Church and unite in singing the *Te Deum*.

Moved by the Rev. Canon Thorneloe,

Seconded by W. G. Wurtele,

That the Archdeacon be requested to take such steps, with the advice of the Executive Committee, as may be necessary to secure the consecration of the Bishop elect in the Cathedral Church of the Diocese at as early a day as possible.—Carried.

Moved by the Rev. Rural Dean Lyster,

Seconded by C. Judge,

That the Rev. Canon Thorneloe be requested to furnish the Synod with a copy of his Sermon preached at the opening service of this Special Session of the Synod, to be printed with the Journal of the Synod.—Carried.

Moved by R. H. Smith,

Seconded by Dr. Adams,

That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Rev. Canon Von Iffland, and George Lampson, Esq., for their able and valuable services as Secretaries. —Carried.

Moved by the Rev. G. H. Parker,

Seconded by Dr. Adams,

That this Synod desires to thank the Garrison Club, for their kind offer of hospitality to the members of the Synod during this Session.—Carried.

Moved by R. W. Heneker,

Seconded by the Rev. Canon Thorneloe,

That the thanks of the Clergy and Lay Delegates from the country be tendered to the citizens of Quebec, for their kind hospitality during the Session of the Synod.—Carried.

Moved by Canon Richardson,

Seconded by J. B. Forsyth,

That the thanks of the Synod be given to the proprietor of the *Morning Chronicle*, for kindly supplying papers during the Session.—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Hemming,

Seconded by Rev. Dr. Adams,

That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to Mr. E. A. Bishop, organist of the Cathedral and the members of the Choir, for the very effective and beautiful service in the Cathedral Church at the opening of the Session of the Synod.—Carried.

Moved by Rev. A. J. Balfour,

Seconded by Major Mathias,

That the best thanks of this Synod be extended to Mr. Geo. Rolt White for his valuable services as Treasurer.—Carried.

Moved by Rev. G. H. A. Murray,

Seconded by Wm. G. Wurtele,

That the thanks of this meeting are tendered to the Scrutineers, for the very able manner in which they have discharged their laborious duties.—Carried.

Moved by the Hon. H. G. Joly de Lotbinière,

Seconded by the Dean of Quebec,

That the best thanks of the Synod be tendered to the President, for his very able and courteous conduct in the chair.—Carried.

The minutes of the day were then read and confirmed, and the Synod adjourned to proceed in procession to the Cathedral to sing the *Te Deum* before dispersing.

Confirmed, 23rd June, 1892.

HENRY ROE, D.D.,
President

A. A. VON IFFLAND, M.A.,
Clerical Secretary.

GEORGE LAMPSON, B.A.,
Lay Secretary.

# APPENDIX.

## Resolution adopted by the Clergy, assembled at the funeral of their beloved Bishop, on April 23rd, 1892.

"The Clergy of the Diocese of Quebec, assembled for the burial of their revered and beloved Bishop, cannot separate without giving some expression to their sense of the loss which the Church has sustained, nor without conveying to Mrs. Williams and the Rev. Lennox Williams the assurance of the heart-felt sympathy of the Clergy with them in their great sorrow, and of their prayers that they may be supported and in time comforted under it.

"The sudden and unlooked for removal of our beloved Bishop from among us in the full vigour of his great mental powers, and in the fullest exercise of his moral and spiritual influence, is to all human appearance a serious blow to the Diocese and to the whole Church.

"The influence of the Bishop for good was many-sided. In his wisdom, soundness of judgment and never swerving fairness every one had absolute confidence. In love and kindness and goodness he was the father of all in his Diocese, and may be truly said to have carried the keys to all their hearts at his girdle.

"But by his Clergy will his loss be most deeply and lastingly felt. The completeness of his sympathy with them in all their labours and trials evoked an equally complete trust and affection on their part, and their sense of that sympathy was to them a comfort and support beyond expression. The fruits of his life-work are seen all around. From the six years of his educational work at Lennoxville a great band of ardent young minds received impressions of goodness and truth and honour never to be effaced.

"The happy results of his twenty-nine years of labour as a Bishop in the Church of God are too large to be more than alluded to here. They are seen in the quietness and peace and brotherly love which characterize his Diocese and in the healthy development and progress of the Church in all directions.

"The Clergy venture to hope that their placing on record here these proofs of God's blessing on the life-work of their revered Bishop will be a comfort to those dear to him, now so sorely bereaved, as well as a satisfaction to the whole Diocese under the present distress."

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec begs to make the following interim report :

That he has received all the arrears and assessment dues to Synod, to Easter 1892, except from the following Missions :

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|---|---|
| Barnston | $2 00 |
| Hardwood Mills | 2 00 |
| Nicolet | 2 00 |
| Stoneham | 3 00 |
| | $9 00 |

The Credit Balance in hand to date is $623.54.

The following accounts require the sanction of the Synod before being paid :

| | |
|---|---|
| Diocese of Quebec's proportion of expenses, Winnipeg Conference, 1890 | $10 00 |
| Rent of Church Hall for present Session of Synod | 40 00 |
| To packing and removing books, belonging to See Library | 6 00 |
| | $56 00 |

The whole respectfully submitted,

GEO. ROLT WHITE,
Treasurer.

Quebec, 23rd June, 1892

# SERMON

## Preached by the Rev. Canon Thorneloe, at the opening service of the Synod.

Psalm 25 : 8. Prayer Book Version.

"Them that are meek shall He guide in judgment: and such as are gentle them shall He learn His way."

Truth, especially in its higher reaches, is commonly presented to us in the form of paradox. The seed which we sow in the earth "is not quickened except it die." "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." "He that loseth his life for Christ's sake and the Gospel's the same shall save it." And so our text tells us that if we would exalt ourselves in wisdom we must humble ourselves in our own conceit, and if we would form a right judgment in any matter we must begin by submitting our judgment to the Almighty.

It is well at all times, but especially in emergencies like the present, to keep clearly before us this seeming contradictoriness of Truth. It were so easy to be dismayed by affliction; and to deem the removal of those we have loved and trusted the signal for every kind of disaster. Yet we know that however it strain our spiritual fibre, Trial, if we do not rebel against it, if we resist it only in that spirit of meek endurance which sends the roots of faith deeper into the soil of truth, should be a source of strength and blessing.

Many among us have doubtless felt disheartened by the death of our late beloved Bishop. To himself we can realize what must be the gain of his departure. By a sudden snapping of the cord of life he has been spared what he sorely dreaded, the painful experiences of aged incapacity for work, the heavy cross of consciously declining powers. And now he rests in Paradise. But we seem suddenly to have awakened to a just appreciation of what he has been to the Diocese in the way of strength to protect its interests; of wisdom to guide its counsels; and of goodness to inspire its tone. And it is but natural perhaps that the realization of such a loss should cause dismay.

Yet why? The greatest man is but an instrument in the Divine Hand God's cause is not endangered when He lays aside one instrument that He may take another. Moses dies on Nebo but Joshua is ready at Jordan. It is no disloyalty to the memory of the departed to believe that God took him because his work was done. The whole Church and every member of

it are but channels through which the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the Church, manifests Himself and works. As in the human body the spirit of a man is manifested,—yet is but partially represented by each particular member; the hand and the eye for example, animated by the same spirit, being utterly different in their operations,—so in the Church different members are animated by the same Divine Spirit and yet each represents the Spirit only according to his gifts. In the same office even, successive occupants exercise the same functions variously. And this diversity is but the Spirit's manifold effort to manifest His fulness for the more complete edification of His Church. In other words the Spirit of Christ is not so completely manifested in any one man that his views only should prevail in the councils of the Church, or that he is the only pattern of what a Christian leader ought to be.

We naturally and with reason look back upon the splendid combination of qualities which made our late Father in God what he was to us: so influential for good; so beloved by all who knew him; such a centre of strength and comfort. The memory of what he was should be invaluable to us who are charged with the duty of choosing his successor,—as it surely will be to him who shall be chosen. Yet, in our reverence for the almost ideal character of him we have lost, and in our conviction that we shall hardly see his like again, we need not utterly despair. God fulfils Himself in many ways. And to fancy that the future wellbeing of the Church amongst us hangs absolutely upon our ability to discover his counterpart were to distrust the resources of Omnipotent wisdom. Reverently and trustfully may we leave the matter in God's hands. Only let us remember that, differ from him as he may in other respects, in the courtesy and gentleness of true Christian manhood, in tempering decision of character with a generous tolerance of other men's opinions, but above all in that profound self-submission to God which most becomes those who are most exalted, Bishop Williams' successor must resemble him. He too must be *tupos tou pistou*, a pattern of believers, possessing something, and seeking more, of that Spirit of the meek and lowly Jesus to which belongs the promise of our text "it shall be guided in judgment."

But, brethren, if we desire to find such a man, we must seek him, in the Spirit we seek in him.

Bethink you what is the object of this assembling? It is no mere party contest we are about to engage in. We are not about to weigh the claims of different men, and to bestow the dignity of the Episcopate as a mere reward of merit. Personal ambition has no place here. Though every priest of canonical age is formally eligible, candidature for an office of such vast responsibility and sacredness were as abhorrent to the instincts of the sanctified mind as contrary to the principle and spirit of the Church!

No! We are not here to decide any merely earthly question, or to make any merely human choice. Our duty may be stated in a paradox. We are here to choose for ourselves; and yet it is not we, who are to choose! We are here to determine whom the Holy Ghost has marked out to take up the reins of government in this part of His Great Spiritual Kingdom!

How are we to discover that secret? Under what circumstances will the Divine Spirit vouchsafe to reveal to us His will? Obviously this is a question of primal importance! Let our text answer it. "Them that are "*meek* shall He *guide* in *judgment*: and such as are gentle them shall He "learn His way." There seem to look out at us from this formula three simple conditions: (1.) Meekness; (2.) Cooperation, Union and Communion with God; (3.) The right use of our own faculties.

I. Meekness:—He who would know God's will must subdue his own. He must quell all uprisings of self. He must watch against prejudice. He must submit himself as completely as possible to the sway and direction of the Divine Spirit. He must choose to let God choose. And this is at once a very real and a very difficult choice. Self will is as strong as it is disastrous. It is no easy matter to restrain our impetuosity of act and speech and to give due weight to opinions which traverse our own. The masterful instinct is strong in most of us; and the policy of self-assertion and bluster naturally commends itself in the Church as well as out of it. But these things quench the Spirit. He does not compel us. He waits for us to submit. If we demand our own way, He does not reveal His. With arrogance and self-assertion He will make no compact. If we will, we may, by yielding to human impulses and adopting earthly methods, make this Synod's choice a human choice and not divine, our own and not the Holy Ghost's. It will be only as we submit to be guided like obedient children, used as willing instruments, that we shall be safe from rash judgments, and entitled to claim the result of our election as God's doing. Every man among us then is required at the outset as a first condition of the discovery of the Divine Will, to make an act of self-oblation, offering up himself, his prejudices, his affections, his faculties of perception and judgment, above all his will, that the Spirit of Christ, may be free to work within him unhindered; at the same time determining to say and do only what he honestly believes God would approve, and resolving loyally to accept the voice of the constitutional majority as the voice of God Himself!

I am much mistaken if it was not in something of this spirit that the election of our late beloved Diocesan was conducted twenty-nine years ago. Quiet, orderly, without conflict or debate,—though prolonged through the anxious ordeal of eleven successive ballots,—that election was of such a character that they who took part in it, whatever their views at the outset, could say from the heart "This is the Lords' doing," and that we, looking

back upon it in the light of its results, may add with fervour "and it is marvellous in our eyes." Who can doubt that God the Holy Ghost was with the Synod of this Diocese when it elected the Rev. James William Williams to be its Bishop? The Spirit which swayed that Synod went forth to rest to the very end of his Episcopate—a spirit of peace—on rulers and on ruled, bearing witness at once to the divine wisdom of the election and to the truth of the principles which, under God, secured it. We may, if we will depart from those principles. We may, if we will resort to human devices, to party planning, to the undue employment of personal influence. We may, if we will allow prejudice to result in bitterness and bitterness in conflict and conflict in division. But with such a precedent to guide us we shall do so at our peril. For doing so we can claim no part in the assurance of our text "Them that are meek shall He guide in judgment: and "such as are gentle them shall He learn His way."

II. In the second place then note the words "*guide*" and "*learn*." Guidance and learning imply harmonious cooperation between the guide and the guided, the teacher and the taught. Here then is a second condition of divine illumination. We must seek God's help. We must listen for God's voice. Union and communion with God!

Meekness is not a cloak, to be put on and off at will, but a condition of the heart, a quality of character, to be sought and obtained of God; the grace of Christ's Spirit; the result of prayer,—long continued habitual prayer,—prayer in the widest sense of the term, the manifold utterance of a soul athirst for God, the eager drinking in, by such a soul, of God's fulness,—sacramental prayer, offered in union with the intercessions of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest.

It is not enough to say "I will be meek." We must ask God to make us meek. It is not enough to say "I will be guided by the Holy Ghost." We must ask the Holy Ghost to guide us. We must seek meekness and spiritual guidance whence alone they can be obtained in union and communion with God.

Let us hope that the prayers which have ascended from every Parish of the Diocese in the present emergency have been largely such prayers, prayers for meekness, prayers for spiritual guidance! Let us hope that every soul here to-day, impressed with the unspeakable importance of this means of discovering the Divine Mind, is sending up, like a fountain, and will continue to offer throughout this Synod, prayers for meekness and guidance! Let us see to it specially that now as we draw nea our Blessed Saviour in Holy Communion, preparing ourselves for the task that lies before us, we do so in His Spirit, seeking before all else meekness and the illumination of the Holy Ghost! Let us pray, and let us listen! "Blessed '

says Thomas a Kempis, "are the ears that gladly receive the pulses of the "divine whisper—which listen not after the voice which is sounding "without but for the truth which is teaching within."

That such blessedness may be ours if we will humbly seek it is the assurance of our text. "Them that are meek shall He guide in judgment: "and such as are gentle them shall He learn His way."

III. But thirdly it is obvious that having obtained the right spirit through communion with God we are required in that spirit to use our faculties of judgment.

In ancient days, when the lamp of truth burned dimly and religious experience was young, the Almighty was pleased to vouchsafe miraculous manifestations of His will. But in this late date of Gospel light and privilege there is no need. We must look for nothing beyond the miracle of an enlightened judgment, in part our heritage from the past, in part a present gift of God the Holy Ghost.

Human judgment unenlightened may well be regarded with distrust, especially in its estimates of men. Wonderful as its powers are it is narrow in its range and, in most of us, grievously impaired by prejudice, blind affection and self-love. And human nature is, of all problems, one of the most difficult. The characters of our intimate friends are largely unknown quantities, and our estimates of them, at best, only approximately true. Nor can we expect to know with any degree of certainty the moral work and stamina of a man until we have had long experience of him in various relations of life and under divers forms of trial. No wonder our Saviour said "Judge not." In every man lie hidden, even from himself, defects, potential vices as well as virtues which only wait for favourable conditions to develop and assert themselves. Consequently there are involved in the transplanting of men from one sphere to another, especially if that other be a sphere of peculiar responsibility, risks which defy the foresight and refuse to be measured by the anticipations of our uninspired wisdom.

Yet when our judgment is sanctified and illumined by the Holy Ghost we have no right nor reason to think meanly of it. It is a new thing. It is no longer easily blinded by prejudice, perverted by self-love, dazed by the intricacies of argument. It may not see everything clearly; but at least it sees its way. It is our paradox verified. The self-abased is exalted. The meek has become mighty. Because it has shut the door on self and stepped into the light and quiet of the Divine Presence, the soul finds its faculties invested with a new and strange vigour and judges with a readiness precision and success which are surprising to itself. It is thus when we are best able to say with sincerity "choose Thou for us," that

God gives us discernment to choose best for ourselves. He does not lift the burden of decision off our shoulders but He strengthens us to bear it. We are still required to inform our minds; to weigh arguments; to estimate motives and to calculate results. Questions of claims and merits of promotion and advancement are still to be considered. But He clears the mind, purifies the heart and throws light upon the problem before us so that comparatively speaking it becomes a simple matter to decide.

Yes we must use our own faculties. And it were well for us to be clear about this. There may be some among us who have not calculated their responsibility as voters in an issue, on which, under God, hangs the wellbeing of the Church throughout the Diocese. There may be some who have not realized the importance of trying to ascertain the truth about the fitness of men and the needs of the Church: or who have half unconsciously allowed private affection to rule their judgment. There may be some who through modest distrust of self are disposed to lean overmuch upon the judgment of others more experienced or more decided than themselves. But we must all remember that though we may evade the duty of forming and acting upon our own conscientious decision we cannot evade the responsibility attaching to our votes! Let none, however inexperienced, hesitate, having made due enquiries, in a spirit of prayer and self-submission to act for himself, voting as seems to him best for God's glory and the Church's good.

It is in this spirit, unified not by party interests nor by personal influence, but by the Holy Ghost, that we shall obtain if at all the man we seek to rule over us; — a true Father in God—capable at once of holding his own with dignity amid the diverse elements of which the Christianity of this Province is composed and of commanding the respect of every man among us, learned or ignorant, cultured or simple, of this party or of that! And if when we obtain him we find that he does not possess every gift—as who does—thus elected we may confidently expect him to be supported by the Holy Ghost who chose him. For the election will be not to responsibility merely but also to grace.

One word and I have done. Our position to-day is inexpressibly solemn. We know not where the Lord is leading us. We know not who or where he is, upon whom the Lord's lot and the mantle of a great predecessor are about to fall. But, whoever and wherever he is, it were well to reflect how sorely he will need our prayers! Let us pray for him beforehand. Let us pray for him after our decision. Let us not cease to pray for him. For of all men among us, as he will be most honoured, and if faithful most blessed, so he will be most sorely burdened by the awful responsibilities and by the cruel temptations which must alike belong to so sacred

and so exalted an office! That any one amongst us should crave that exaltation; that any one among us should dare to seek it; that any one among us should do other than pray that he may not be thrust into it by the mistaken estimates of his brethren, is surely hardly conceivable to the Christian mind! For if it were dreadful for us to place the wrong man in the seat of authority, how much more dreadful were it to be the man thus falsely placed!

Let us then, one and all, shrink with fear from any indulgence of those earthly and selfish proclivities which a fair inference from our text warns us must tend, to say the very least, to exclude from our deliberations the guidance of the Holy Ghost.